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City offers settlement in pension dispute

Don Howard
Staff Writer

Despite authorization earlier this month allowing Plymouth Township Supervisor Kurt Heise to cancel a tolling agreement and proceed with litigation, a settlement may be near in the disputed fire pension obligation from the City of Plymouth.

The pension obligation remained following the 2010 dissolution of the intergovernmental fire protection agreement. Under that agreement, one department provided all fire services to both the city and township for 17 years.

The two communities did not agree as to the financial obligation and the accounting methodology used to determine the amount the city owed the employees' pension fund. Last month, township officials reported the city obligation to be near $1.5 million. At the board of trustees meeting last week, however, that number was revised to $1.45 million.

> *From 1.45 million to $1.1 million is a generous settlement.*

City officials have reportedly offered a settlement of $800,000 and a used 2010 Pierce fire truck as full payment of the obligation.

Heise told the board members last Tuesday that he would prefer a lump sum payment and recommend a $1.1 million settlement amount be proffered to the city. Heise, an attorney, estimated the cost of ligation at $200,000. He said the settlement time would drag on and he felt the township would be at the mercy of the courts as to timing.

"My recommendation is we get this done by the end of the year. I recommend a $1.1 million settlement plus a MERS acknowledgement from the city…I want a universal settlement," Heise said.

Trustees Chuck Curmi and Bob Doroshewitz were not in favor of Heise's suggestion and the two cast dissenting votes on a motion to approve the settlement offer. The motion was approved by a 4 to 2 vote following lengthy discussion.

Curmi said he thought the township needed to consult an expert pension attorney while Doroshewitz said he was not happy with the suggested amount.

"From 1.45 million to $1.1 million is a generous settlement," Doroshewitz said.

"We want a cash settlement-with no fire truck," Clerk Jerry Vorva commented.

Trustee Gary Heitman characterized the offer from the city as "a joke."

In memoriam

City vows to honor long forgotten hero

A long-deceased war hero buried in Romulus has been overlooked by the federal government for nearly a century.

Local officials, however, intend to see that he receives the honor he earned with his valiant military service and that he deserves at his place of final rest.

Members of the Romulus Cemetery Board of Trustees led by Chairwoman Jan Lemmon have taken on the responsibility for a new headstone and marker at the grave of Charles Cawetzka, who was presented with the United States of America Medal of Honor for his heroism during the Philippine-American War. Mr. Cawetzka is buried in the Romulus Memorial Cemetery but his government-issued headstone does not recognize his heroic earning of the most prestigious honor bestowed on members of the armed forces. Mr. Cawetzka was presented the medal by President Theodore Roosevelt in 1902, honoring his heroic conduct on Aug. 23, 1900 in Sariaya in the province of Quezon, Philippines.

The oversight was discovered by Ret. Army Master Sgt. Greg Farino of Riverview who learned of the Medal of Honor omission and researched Mr. Cawetzka's military history, discovering that he "single-handedly defended a disabled comrade against a greatly superior force of the enemy."

Mr. Cawetzka's gravestone shows his dates of birth (March 1, 1877) and death (Oct. 23, 1951) and states that he served as a corporal in the Army in the 30th United States Volunteer Infantry in the Spanish-American War.

But neither his Medal of Honor nor the fact that he was recognized for his service in the Philippine-American War are mentioned on the current headstone.

Janet Lemmon, chairwoman of the Romulus Cemetery Commission, and Greg Farino, an Army veteran who researched the case of the late Charles Cawetzka, at the current gravesite.

Farino, who loves military history, studies military gravesites and corrects mistakes and omissions, was researching another gravesite when he learned of Mr. Cawetzka's grave.

"Holy cow, I didn't know a Medal of Honor recipient was buried anywhere near me," Farino said. "I wanted to pay my respects to someone who earned a Medal of Honor. I found his headstone mentions nothing about him being a Medal of Honor recipient. There is no higher honor than the Medal of Honor. I just couldn't let it go."

According to records discovered by Farino, seven months before the incident that led to the Medal of Honor, Mr. Cawetzka was severely

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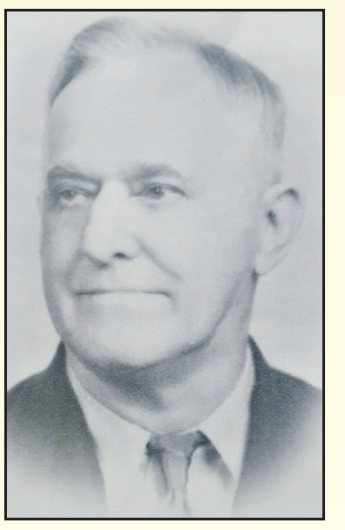

Medal of Honor recipient Charles Cawetzka

Township officials blast false robocall claims

Residents filled Plymouth Township Hall nearly to capacity last Tuesday in response to false claims about the merger of the township with the city announced in robocalls made to township homes.

Many residents claimed to have received the recorded calls which stated that Supervisor Kurt Heise had a "diabolical plan to merge the township and city into one Plymouth." The robocall, recorded by the reedy voice of a mature-sounding woman, claimed that the township would cede all local control to the city to "run as they see fit" while township residents "would pay for it."

The caller stated at the end of the message that it was paid for by Say No to PARC, although no registration of any such political group could be located.

> *If you are here because you were told we are going to raise your taxes tonight, you are being lied to.*

Heise, visibly upset by the claims made in the robocalls and in some Facebook posts, made his position clear at the meeting.

"If you are here because you were told we are going to raise your taxes tonight, you are being lied to. If you are here because you were told we are voting to sell the golf course, you are being lied to. If you are here because you were told we are going to vote on a massive new recreation authority that will have unlimited taxing power, you are being lied to. If you are here because you were told we are disbanding the senior bus service, you are being lied to," Heise stated.

Heise's remarks criticizing the robocalls were seconded by several members of the audience who expressed their shock and dismay at the claims made by the caller.

"Shame on all the despicable(s)," commented resident Doreen Sharpe.

"Let the people decide about PARC, (Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex). They have a lot to offer people in this community. The small amount of money we'd have to come up with would be a benefit," she said.

Some of those in attendance said they were there in response to information posted on the Facebook page of former Township Clerk Nancy Conzelman who was soundly defeated during her bid for reelection in November.

"The presentation is in the board packet," Conzelman posted. "It calls for an authority to raise taxes to build the stand alone 800 seat orchestra hall, renovate Central, and enter into an agreement with PARC, that can never be terminated, to

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Belleville - Romulus

High notes

For the second time in three years, the Romulus Eagles Symphony Band has earned an overall top rating of one at the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association (MSBOA) district-level festival. Scoring is evaluated on a scale from 1 to 5, by three performance judges and one sight-reading judge. The Eagles received the highest overall rating at their site by scoring all ones in performance and a two in sight reading. "This is the first time we received straight ones in performance, our students are consistently progressing," said Jessica Mills-Rais, band and choir director for Romulus High School. The District Orchestra Festival is an opportunity for ensembles from member schools to perform a program of three pieces for judgment, one of which must be assigned from the MSBOA. Ensembles that earn an overall one rating are considered superior and qualify for the State Band and Orchestra Festival where Romulus students will compete in early May.

Library groundbreaking set

The Belleville Area District Library will celebrate National Library Week April 8-14 with several special library-themed programs.

Stories songs and crafts for children ages 4 and older are planned for 6:30 p.m. Monday, April 9. Pre registration for this even is required.

Toddler Story Time will begin at 11 a.m. April 10 and 12 at the library and include books, songs and crafts. Registration is also required for this activity.

A bookbinding class is set for 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 11. Participants will make their own books using Japanese stab binding techniques. The event is designed for all ages, 8 and older. Registration is required for this workshop.

Homegrown Knowledge will feature special guest speakers sharing the history of the library from the opening of the facility beginning at 7 p.m. April 12.

One of the most highly anticipated events of the month is set for 11 a.m. Saturday, April 14 when the official groundbreaking ceremony for the new library will take place. This free, public event is family-friendly and will include refreshments, cake and special prizes for children.

The library is located at 167 Fourth St. in Belleville.

For more information on any activity or registration, call (734) 699-3291.

Hero

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wounded in both thighs during an engagement in the town of Imus in the Philippine province of Cavite.

Mr. Cawetzka's military career ended on April 3, 1901. On Dec. 2, 1902, he married Clara Cross and the couple had eight children.

Farino contacted Romulus City Clerk Ellen Cragg Bragg's office and then followed up with an appearance at a Cemetery Board meeting last October to make his case. Lemmon then met with Romulus Mayor LeRoy Burcroff who gave his blessing for a campaign to fund a new monument.

Romulus Public Services Director Robert McCraight contacted a representative of the Veterans Administration in an attempt to discover why Mr. Cawetzka's history and medal had been overlooked. He was informed that that since Mr. Cawetzka has a "historic" headstone, that is "still serviceable," the marker would not be replaced by the government.

Even if it were to break or deteriorate and need to be replaced, a replacement would include the original language, which did not include recognition of the Medal of Honor.

"We knew they weren't going to do anything for us, so we decided to fix it," Lemmon said.

"We decided to have a benefit, get donations, buy this man a proper monument and put it in the cemetery. We are doing this because it's the right thing to do."

The Cemetery Board will purchase the monument at cost of $1,540 with the help of Crane Funeral Home of Romulus and Inch Monuments of Northville. The monument will be 18-inches high and 24-inches wide and rest on a 6-inch base. It will be put in place and unveiled during a special memorial service on a date to be announced.

The original headstone will remain in place and the new monument will be installed at the gravesite.

"I believe this man has been neglected all these years," Lemmon said. "Everybody walked by the monument and didn't know the honor he received for serving his country. He wasn't given his rightful due. It's important to his family, important to the cemetery and important to the city.

A spaghetti dinner has been scheduled to raise funds for the new monument. It is planned for 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, April 20, at Romulus Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9568, 30270 Huron River Dr. Tickets are $10 each.

Grandson Bruce Cawetzka of Ypsilanti said he was very young when Charles Cawetzka died. His father, Frances, served in the Air Force during World War II and was a prisoner of war in Germany.

Cawetzka said Frances did not talk much about the military before he passed away.

"Once I heard about my grandfather, I was very proud of him," Cawetzka said. "It's a great honor to receive this honor. We're fortunate that Greg is so passionate about honoring my grandfather."

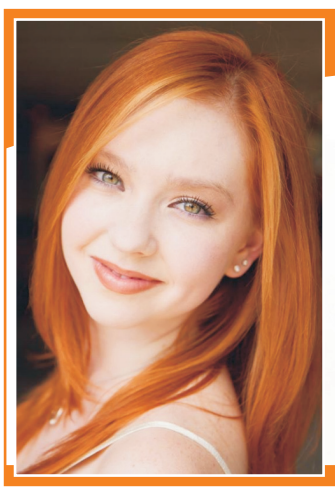
Cawetzka said a number of his grandfathers' descendants will attend the spaghetti dinner, including his daughters, who are Mr. Cawetzka's great-granddaughters. Cawetzka said he will bring the actual Medal of Honor and a certificate signed by the President, which was passed down to him by his father.

Cawetzka said a number of his relatives lived in Romulus and/or are buried in the Romulus Cemetery, which is considered a historical place since so many notable people are buried there.

"We were very surprised and very thankful," he said "We have a lot of gratitude to the commission that's doing this. It's very gracious of them."

The fundraiser also will include basket raffles and a 50/50 drawing.

"To me, it's an honor to have him in our cemetery. This cemetery is one of the most valuable pieces of property in the city. The history we have in that cemetery is all of Romulus. We thought it was something we had to do," Lemmon said.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INKSTER - NORTHVILLE

Northville welcomes new officer to force

Northville Township Police Officer Zachary Lewis was officially sworn in by Deputy Clerk Katie Anderson during a ceremony witnessed by members of his family, friends and township employees last week.

The crowd gathered at Northville Township Hall March 26 when Public Safety Director Todd Mutchler welcomed Lewis as the newest member of the Northville Township Department of Public Safety.

"Today, you join a purpose-driven, values-led, results-oriented department of public safety where great things are happening," Mutchler said.

Following the swearing in, Lewis had the opportunity to introduce himself to the audience who had the opportunity to ask questions of the newly-hired officer. Assistant Township Manager Debra Wilhelm asked Lewis who his mentor was.

"My father, I have always looked up to him," Lewis responded. Lewis' father is also in law enforcement serving as trooper with the Michigan State Police.

Lewis comes to Northville Township having nearly one year of law enforcement experience. Lewis grew up in Petoskey, attended Madonna University where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree, and graduated from the Wayne County Regional Police Academy in May, 2017.

New Northville Township Police Ofc. Zachary Lewis was sworn in at township hall March 26.

Coffee With A Cop is served

The Inkster Police Department will continue to host Coffee With A Cop at 10 a.m. the second Tuesday of each month at Applewood Coney Island.

There is no agenda or speeches, just an opportunity to enjoy a cup of coffee with local police officers, ask questions, voice concerns and get to know the neighborhood officers.

The restaurant is located at 28640 Michigan Ave. in Inkster.

The next session is set for April 10.

Woman killed in domestic dispute

An Inkster man faces life in prison if convicted of the murder of his girlfriend last week.

Inkster police were dispatched at about 6:15 a.m. March 29 to an apartment on Cherry Valley Drive following reports of a domestic disturbance.

Jerome Duckwyler, 35, is now charged with first degree murder and felony firearm offenses in the death of his girlfriend Michelle Nicole Briscoe, 36, according to the office of Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy.

Police reports indicate that the responding officers entered the couple's apartment through an unlocked door when there was no response to their repeated knocking. Officers discovered the deceased body of Briscoe who had suffered apparent gunshot wounds to the head and shoulder area.

> *"Officers from the Inkster police and troopers from Michigan State Police responded to the scene.*

Neighbors subsequently interviewed by officers said they heard loud noises coming from the apartment of the couple. They said that Duckwyler brought his 4-year-old son to their apartment asking them to care for the child. The witnesses said that Duckwyler told them that he and his girlfriend were fighting and asked them to call 911.

Officers from the Inkster police and troopers from Michigan State Police responded to the scene.

Witnesses told officers that after asking them to care for the child, the suspect then left the apartment complex. A short time after Michigan State Police detectives arrived on scene they learned the suspect had turned himself in at the Detroit Police Department 9th Precinct. The suspect was then taken into custody and was transported to the Inkster Police Department for an interview.

Following that interview, Duckwyler was arrested by Inkster police and was arraigned on the charges on March 31 in 34th District Court in Romulus. He was remanded to police custody awaiting his next court appearance set for April 11.

Free cooking class planned

A class in healthy cooking is planned from 3-6 p.m. Sunday, April 22 at Sharon SDA Church in Inkster.

Adventist Community Services is sponsoring the class, titled Fast Food Alternatives. Meatless vegan burgers, yacc fries, cilantro dipping sauce and a fruit smoothie milk shake will be prepared as part of the live cooking demonstration.

The event is free and open to the public although pre-registration is required by April 15.

To register, call Lucy Byrd at (313) 293-9753.

Free tax preparation offered

Inkster residents have the opportunity to have their tax returns prepared for free through the Wayne County Asset Building Coalition.

Tax preparation for electronic filing will be available from 6-9 p.m. Mondays and Wednesday through April 12 at St. Clements Episcopal Church, 4300 Harrison, Inkster.

For an appointment or information, call (313) 330-7837.

Tax preparers will also be available at New Birth Baptist Church, 27628 Avondale St. Inkster from 6-9 on Thursdays only. For more information or an appointment at this locations, call (313)378-2554.

Clients should have all the necessary documentation to ensure that the process goes smoothly, proof of residency, employment, income or other documentation relating to dependents, employment or income status will be needed. Returns are prepared by certified volunteer.

CITY OF WESTLAND

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

ON 2018-2019 PROPOSED BUDGET

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the public hearing on the proposed budget for the City of Westland for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019 will be held on May 7, 2018 at 7 p.m., in the Council Chambers of Westland City Hall; 36300 Warren Road; Westland, Ml 48185.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

Richard LeBlanc
City Clerk

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NOTICE TO CUT NOXIOUS WEEDS
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

To the owner or occupant or any person or persons, firm or corporation having charge of any land in the Charter Township of Plymouth:

Notice is hereby given that all noxious weeds growing on any land in the Charter Township of Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan, must be cut and destroyed on or before the 20th day of April, A.D., 2017. And every owner, occupant, or person having charge of any such land must notify the Township that such weeds have been destroyed within three days of such cutting. Any person failing to comply with this notice on or before the date mentioned shall be liable for the imposition of the penalties set forth in Ordinance Number 64, of the Charter Township of Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan, and shall be liable for all expenses incurred by the Township in destroying said noxious weeds, which expenses, if unpaid by the owner or to the occupant, shall be spread against the property on the next County and School Tax Roll collection of such expenses. The township may notify by certified mail with return receipt requested, the owner, agent, or occupant, as shown on the current County and School Tax Roll, of any lands on which such noxious weeds are found growing. Such notice shall contain the methods of treating and eradicating such noxious weeds and a summary of the provisions of this section. Failure of the township to give such notice shall not, however, constitute a defense to any action to enforce the payment of any penalty provided in this article or any debt created under this article.

Jerry Vorva, Clerk
Charter Township of Plymouth

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CITY OF ROMULUS
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
M & K Truck Center (29275 Citrin Dr.)
MONDAY, April 23, 2018, 3:00 pm

Notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus will hold a special meeting for a public hearing at **3:00 p.m. on Monday, April 23, 2018** at the Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road for the purpose of considering a variance request for BZA-2018-006, M & K Truck Center as follows:

a. A variance from *Section 8.04(a), Area, Height and Placement Requirements* of the Zoning Ordinance to allow a 25-foot front yard parking setback where 40 feet is required; and
b. A variance from Section *13.03(b)(3), Fences and Screening Walls*, Location and Height of the Zoning Ordinance to allow a fence to encroach into the required front yard setback.

The applicant is proposing the development of a truck sales and service facility. The subject property is located at 29275 Citrin Dr. (DP#80-047-99-0024-704).

Copies of the application are available for review at City Hall during regular business hours which are 8:00 am - 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday. All interested parties are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said request. Written comments may be submitted and should be addressed to Carol Maise, City Planner, Planning Department, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174.

Ellen Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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CITY OF ROMULUS
NOXIOUS WEED NOTICE TO THE PROPERTY OWNERS IN THE CITY OF ROMULUS

In accordance with P.A. 359 of 1941, as amended and Chapter 34, Article 3, of the Romulus Code of Ordinances it shall be the duty of all owners of lands on which noxious weeds are found growing, to destroy the same before they reach a seed bearing stage and to prevent such weeds from becoming a detriment to public health.

If any such owner, agent or occupant of such land shall refuse to destroy such noxious weeds or cause them to be destroyed, it shall be the duty of the Noxious Weed Commissioner to enter upon such land and destroy such noxious weeds.

Nothing in this notice shall apply to weeds in fields devoted to growing any small grain crop such as wheat, oats, barley or rye.

All weeds not cut by May 1, 2018 will be cut by the City and the owner of the property will be charged with the cost. Subsequent violations will result in additional cuttings and will be done as often as necessary when vegetation reaches eight (8) inches in height and/or seed bearing stage.

Any expense incurred in such destruction shall be paid by the owner or owners of such land and the city shall have a lien against such land for such expense. Any owner who shall refuse to destroy such noxious weeds shall also be subject to a fine that is set at the courts discretion.

All refuse and debris on the given owners property will be removed by the City at the owners' expense.

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MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
March 12, 2018
Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd. Romulus, MI 48174

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem John Barden.
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call: Kathleen Abdo, John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Eva Webb, Virginia Williams.
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
Absent: Stacy Paige, Treasurer
1. Moved by **Talley,** seconded by **Webb** to accept the agenda as presented. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
18-089 2A. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Abdo** to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on March 5, 2018. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
3. Petitioner: None.
4. Chairperson's Report:
Mayor Pro-Tem John Barden spoke about the great job the DPW did cold patching the roads.
4. Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Abdo** to accept the Chairperson's Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
5. Mayor's Report:
Dennis Davidson, Cable Promotion Coordinator, announced upcoming City events.
18-090 5A1. Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Talley** to concur with the administration and award Bid ITB 17/18-20 Division A to the lowest most responsive and responsible bidder, Carr's Outdoor Services, Junction Sub Crack Seal project in the amount of $23,300.00. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
18-091 5A2. Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Talley** to concur with the administration and award Bid ITB 17/18-20 Division B for two-year guaranteed pricing for Chip Seal on an as-needed basis to the only bidder, Highway Maintenance & Construction Co. at the unit prices reflected in their bid. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
6A. Clerk's Report:
18-092 6A1. Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Webb** to approve second reading, final adoption of Budget Amendment 17/18-24, Ecorse & Vining Road Construction, which was introduced at the Council meeting of March 5, 2018. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
18-093 6A2. Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Williams** to approve second reading, final adoption of Budget Amendment 17/18-25, General Fund, which was introduced at the Council meeting of March 5, 2018. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
18-094 6A3. Moved by **Abdo**, seconded by **Roscoe** to approve second reading, final adoption of Budget Amendment 17/18-26, General Fund, which was introduced at the Council meeting of March 5, 2018. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
18-095 6A4. Moved by **Webb,** seconded by **Roscoe** to schedule an open meeting study session on Monday, March 26, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the Updated Support Emergency Operations Plan for the City of Romulus. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
6B. Treasurer's Report: None.
7. Public Comment:
Reverend Talley thanked the Council for their dedication to the City of Romulus.
8. Unfinished Business:
Mayor Burcroff informed Council that in regards to the "no action" item from the last Council meeting, City Attorney, Steve Hitchcock, is going back to the vendor (RedGuard Fire & Security Company) to ask if they are willing to comply with the City's request; Mayor hopes to have an answer sometime this week
9. New business: None.
10. Communication:
Councilman Wadsworth gave a reminder about the upcoming fundraisers in support of the Romulus Animal Shelter – Pucks for Pets and Romulus Bowl-A-Thon. Councilwoman Abdo announced the RAC's ten-year-old birthday party on Sunday, March 18, 2018. There will be a bounce house, a disc jockey over the pool, free games, fitness classes and contests. Admission is free for members and $5.00 for non-members. Councilwoman Talley gave a reminder of the Good Friday Walk on March 30, 2018.
18-096 11. Moved by **Abdo**, seconded by **Talley** to pay Warrant 18-05 in the amount of $1,339,910.37. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
12. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Roscoe** to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on March 12, 2018.

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Wayne - Westland

Superstar

Wayne player wins full-ride scholarship

Julie Brown
Special Writer

Camree Clegg, 17, is excited about her full-ride women's basketball scholarship to Clemson University in South Carolina.

"Super-excited," the Wayne Memorial High School senior said. "They just had everything I wanted in a school. I have a lot of family down South so it was a perfect fit."

The Westland resident was also a Miss Basketball finalist this year, and she and her team reached Class A state semifinals in a March 16 loss to East Lansing.

"We just came up a game short. I don't see it as a disappointment," she said. "I say it was a great experience."

Coach Jarvis Mitchell, in his fourth year at Wayne Memorial, noted, "She's worked so hard. She had to do a lot. We're very, very proud."

She is the only graduating senior on the team this year, so prospects are good for the Wayne squad next year. "We've got some kids coming back that are familiar with the program," Mitchell said.

Clegg transferred from sports powerhouse Detroit Country Day, and said the decision was difficult in part due to academics and her parents' concerns.

"At first, it was hard but it ended up paying off in the end," she said. Her coach noted the long drive to Country Day, "those things collectively played a part in her coming back to her home school," he said.

She's roughly 5-foot-5, although Mitchell said with a smile he's added some height when talking about Clegg with college recruiters. She boasts a 4.5 grade point average, and had scholarship offers from about 14 schools.

The point guard was easy to coach, Mitchell said, and he sees God's hand in her coming to Wayne Memorial. "That was like air for me," he said. "Oh, absolutely, oh, my God. I was so blessed. An absolute blessing."

She's been a help to younger teammates both on and off the court. "She was always giving them words of encouragement," Mitchell said.

Clegg will study sports communication at Clemson, with plans to become a sports journalist or analyst.

First, she hopes to play overseas or in the professional women's basketball league.

"That's definitely my plan A," she said. When the Detroit Shock played locally, Clegg said she admired Swin Cash and the team, "especially because it was the hometown team."

Of her height, she said, "I just kind of worked my game around it." She noted that Detroit Pistons' Isiah Thomas and Spud Webb of the NBA were shorter.

She likes the play of the NBA player Chris Paul and the Womens' National Basketball Association star Diana Taurasi.

"I'm just going to continue working on my game," said Clegg, who reports to Clemson in June.

"It'll be all working out and getting faster and stronger."

Her coach coined a "Godzilla" type nickname for her of "The Beast That Swallowed Tokyo," with his team finishing the season at 22-5.

Wayne Memorial High School senior Camree Clegg and her basketball coach Jarvis Mitchell are all smiles about her future plans. Photo by Julie Brown

"We tried to add a little spice to it," he said of the nickname. "Just add a little spin to it, to the nickname."

Clegg had helped Country Day win the 2014-15 Class B state championship. She visited the Clemson campus and liked it.

Her coach said her work ethic will help with the Womens' National Basketball Association.

"It's tough," Mitchell said. "I'm hoping she makes it. It was just an extraordinary pleasure coaching her."

He added of the transfer, "Never a hiccup. It just was this rare synergy that I think made the program successful."

Westland Click and Fix upgrades are now available

Westland Click and Fix, a free citizen reporting tool, has undergone a major upgrade.

The phone application allows Westland residents to communicate directly with city hall to report quality of life issues like potholes, graffiti, illegal dumping, blight, and much more.

With Westland Click and Fix, Westland citizens have been able to easily report issues on the go, receive real time updates on the progress on fixing them, and connect to the city social media platform. With the upgrades, reporting issues will be even faster and easier for Westland citizens.

The new version of the Westland Click and Fix includes a fresh new design, smarter architecture, and several new critical features. Highlights of the new version include quick navigation, a new reporting flow, issue mapping and list, better on-boarding, a new place tab, and more sharing.

These updates will engage more citizens as well as make the communication between residents and city hall easier and more efficient and transparent. The City of Westland is committed to open government and hopes to add additional value to that through the use of this app. officials said.

Highlights of the new SeeClickFix iOS app include:

Quick Navigation: Easily accessible navigation so users can always find Report, Issues, Place, and a profile quickly and efficiently at the bottom of the screen

New Reporting Flow with:Step by step input; Location attached to issue image; More intuitive category search and selection; Duplication issue detection with ability to heart, comment, cancel as well as simply continue the report.

Issue Map and List: Faster, more responsive map of issues with more data; Endless list view with quick access to take actions on issues of concern; Better onboarding; Engaging, informative onboarding animations and messaging that give residents a better understanding and context for primary app content and functionality.

New Place Tab: A redesigned organization page with background image and new mobile buttons; Ability to view and explore the services of multiple organizations serving the same geographic area (such as a city and county) and more sharing; Strategic prompts with issue actions that encourage more sharing and more involvement from more citizens and customers using Facebook and other networking platforms; Prompt to share after selecting to watch an issue and a prompt to share alongside success messaging after an issue is reported.

"We live in a 24/7 world and residents want the ability to stay connected at all times with city hall," commented Mayor William R. Wild. "This free app has been very well received and a lot of the updates came from suggestions from our users."

Westland Click and Fix is available free of charge on both the Apple App and Google Play stores. The updates went into effect March 27.

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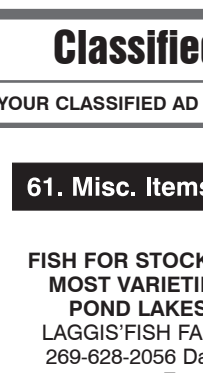
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Calendar of events

Cruise raffle under way

Two lucky people will cruise the British Isles for 12 days for the grand total of only $50.

The Michigan Philharmonic will sell 400 raffle tickets at $50 each for the cruise, which includes round trip airfare for two. The lucky winner will cruise from Aug. 17 through 29 aboard the Princess Cruise Lines.

The cruise will depart from Southampton, England and include ports of call at Guernsey and the Channel Islands in England; Cork and Dublin in Ireland, Belfast in Northern Ireland; Glasgow, Inverness, Loch Ness and Edinburgh in Scotland and Paris and Normandy in France. Passengers will also cruise the North Sea for two days.

The drawing for the winner of the cruise is planned for April 14 at the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex (PARC) and the winner will be contacted that day. Ticket holders need not be present at the drawing to win.

For tickets or information, call (734) 451-2112.

Food for Fines offered at library

For the sixth consecutive year, the Romulus Public Library will participate in the Food for Fines campaign through April 29.

Bring non-perishable food to the library and $1 in fines on library materials will be forgiven for each item. Food will then be donated to the Helping Hand Food Bank in Romulus.

Food for Fines cannot be used for lost items or collection fees and items that are past the expiration date cannot be accepted.

Donations will be accepted for those without fines as well.

The library is located at 11121 Wayne Road. For information, call (734) 942-7589 or access www.romuluslibrary.org

Comedy Night tickets on sale

Comedy Night, a fundraiser for the Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce, is planned for 6-10 p.m. May 18 at the Detroit Metro Airport Marriott Hotel.

Tickets for the event, which includes a live and silent auction along with a Chinese raffle, are priced at $45 per person.

There will be three comedy acts, a cash bar and dinner.

Organizers said that tickets sell very quickly so early purchase is suggested. For more information or tickets, contact Betsey Krampitz at (734) 893-0694.

Northville State of the Community set

The annual update on the community will include presentations by Superintendent of Northville Public Schools Mary Kay Gallagher, Township Supervisor Robert Nix and City of Northville Mayor Ken Roth, April 18 at the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College.

Registration will begin at 11:30 a.m. with a buffet luncheon and program to follow.

The cost is $40 per person. Tickets and registration are available at (248) 349-7640 or lindseybutzin@northaville.or.

The event is sponsored by the Northville Chamber of Commerce. VisTaTech is located at 18600 Haggerty Road in Livonia

Art Club exhibit planned

Three Cities Art Club members will present their annual Spring Art Exhibition from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. April 6 and 7 and from noon until 4:30 April 8 at the Westland Public Library.

The exhibit is free and more than 20 artists will display 65 original works in acrylics, watercolor, pencil, charcoal, mixed media, photography and other mediums.

Visitors can vote for their three favorite works of art and enter a drawing for a chance to win a collectable doll. For more information, visit threecitiesartclub.org.

In addition to the art for sale, there will be note cards, refrigerator magnets and matted and framed prints.

The library is located at 6123 Central City Parkway (north of Ford Road). To learn more about this event or Three Cities Art Club, contact Marilyn Meredith at (313) 231-3939 or e-mail marilynmeredith@wowway.com.

Fairy Garden Workshop offered

The Wayne Historical Museum will offer a Fairy Garden Workshop from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, April 7.

The cost for the class is $30 and reservations can be made on Eventbrite or by calling the

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CANTON - PLYMOUTH

Lovefest

Canton to host special performance

Kiran Ahluwalia will present "LOVEfest: Welcome the Stranger," bringing performances of both traditional and modern arts from the Sikh and Muslim cultures at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton at 7 p.m. Sunday, April 15.

Ahluwalia's LOVEfest combines the talents of sacred and secular artists from both Muslim and Sikh traditions, two communities currently experiencing an alarming rise in hate crimes. Featuring vocals of Ahluwalia from India and Arabic songwriting of Souad Massi of Algeria, combined with traditional Sikh temple singers and the colorful whirling of Egyptian Tanoura Sufi dancers, LOVEfest illuminates a diverse world of cultural artistic expression offering performers and audiences alike an opportunity to "Welcome the Stranger".

Ahluwalia said her inspiration to develop LOVEfest: Welcome the Stranger came from her personal life story.

"The idea of LOVEfest arose from my personal interest in exploring aspects of cultural intolerance - the loss of 'brotherhood' in mankind. It is a theme close to my personal experience. My story is that of an immigrant born in India and raised in Canada. As an immigrant child, the hardships we faced were touted as temporary - the effects were permanent."

LOVEfest opens doors into two religions and cultures that, at the very least, remain mysterious to the general public. It includes performances of both traditional and modern arts from the Sikh and Muslim cultures in an effort to create a positive curiosity.

Tickets for the 7 p.m. show are $28 and are available online at www.cantonvillagetheater.org or by calling (734) 394-5300. Tickets can also be purchased at The Village Theater Box Office one hour prior to show time.

Yasser Darwish performs a dance as part of LOVEfest.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton.

Plymouth Canton student radio station honored

For the seventh time since 2001, WSDP-FM (88.1) has been chosen as the High School Station of the Year by the Michigan Association of Broadcasters Foundation.

The students from the Plymouth Canton Educational Park station were awarded the honor March 7 during the Great Lakes Broadcasting Conference in Lansing.

In the high school radio category, Plymouth-Canton students won first-place awards in 10 categories and received 12 of the 29 awards presented.

First-place award winners included: On Air Personality or Team: Fiona Hughes (Canton junior); Sports Public Service Announcement: Saba Mangla (Plymouth senior); Sports Public Service Announcement: Rebekah McBride (Canton senior); Sports Public Service Announcement: Sam Badger (Canton junior); Sports Public Service Announcement: Maxim Jenkins (Plymouth senior); Current Events Program: Serafine Hinz (Salem senior) and Talk Show: Maxim Jenkins (Plymouth senior).

Second place awards went to: Sports Public Service Announcement: Serafine Hinz (Salem senior); Sports Announcing Team: Jack Krumm (Canton junior); Sports Announcing Team: Max Mulvaney (Canton senior); Current Events Program: Emma Menebroker (Plymouth senior); Current Events Program: Jack Krumm (Canton junior); Current Events Program: Katie Rapai (Plymouth freshman); Current Events Program: Rohan Ghantasala (Plymouth sophomore) and Public Service Announcement: Serafine Hinz (Salem senior).

Honorable mentions went to: Sports Public Service Announcement: Emma Menebroker (Plymouth senior); Innovations in Digital Media: Serafine Hinz (Salem senior); Innovations in Digital Media: Fiona Hughes (Canton junior); Current Events Program: Emma Menebroker (Plymouth senior) and Talk Show: Rebekah McBride (Canton senior).

More than 410 entries were received from 19 schools in the radio and television competition.

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manage and operate both facilities. PARC will continue to run Central Middle School as a landlord that leases space to anybody who is a nonprofit. Don Soenen will get his orchestra hall at taxpayer expense," the post continues.

Soenen said the robocall claims were completely misleading and full of false information.

"This is crazy stuff. All of this is unsubstantiated information. It's a bunch of nonsense. These robocalls calls are a deliberate attempt to mislead the public," he said.

Conzelman has also been critical of the proposed pension plan settlement with the city and claims that Heise has plans to sell the golf course to developers. She also claimed that proper procedures were not followed in the adoption of the township budget in January.

Starting last year, shortly after the 2016 election, Conzelman and a group of supporters commenced a barrage of Freedom of Information Act requests from the township offices. Recently Conzelman requested all of Heise's emails regarding conversations surrounding the topic of the Hilltop Golf Course which is undergoing a citizens' advisory review process to determine its viability.

"Those who are responsible for the robocalls know they are lying and they want to scare you. They think you are stupid. It speaks volumes about their character and sense of community.

"These robo-calls are being put out by people who lost the 2016 township elections and still can't deal with their loss.

"I hope they will find closure and get on with their lives," he concluded.

Staff Writer Don Howard contributed to this story.

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museum, at (734) 729-0113.

Participants can create a fairy garden of their own design. Supplies will be provided including two plants, a pot and décor. Samples can be viewed at facebook.com/waynehistoricalsociety.

The museum is located at One Town Square in Wayne.

DNA testing is topic

Northville Genealogical Society members and guests will meet beginning at 1:15 p.m. Sunday, April 8 at the Northville District Library located at 212 West Cady St. in Northville. The roundtable discussion, "How DNA Testing Advanced Your Research" will begin at 1:15 p.m. A business meeting is planned for 2:30 p.m. which is open to the public, followed by Dr. James Sims discussing the Topic "I have a DNA result, what comes next? at 3 p.m

Sims often speaks on the topic of genetic genealogy in the metro Detroit area. He has more than 15 years of experience in genetic genealogy. This talk focuses on the effective use of DNA testing vendor web sites and autosomal DNA matching.

The meeting is open to the public at no charge.

Legislators host Coffee Hour

Wayne County Commissioner Glenn S. Anderson will be hosting a Coffee Hour in Inkster with State Sen. David Knezek from noon until 1 p.m. on Monday, April 9.

The Coffee Hour will take place at the Western Wayne Family Health Center, located at 2700 Hamlin Boulevard in Inkster.

Residents who attend can discuss issues of importance to them. Citizens who have questions or concerns in the meantime are encouraged to contact the elected officials by mail, telephone, or email: Commissioner Glenn S. Anderson; Mail: 500 Griswold St., 7th Floor, Detroit, MI 48226; Phone: (313) 224-8855; Email: District12@waynecounty.com

Sen.David Knezek; Mail: PO Box 30036, Lansing, MI 48909; Phone: (855) 347-8005;

Email: sendknezek@senate.michigan.gov.

Chambers host QuickBbooks workshop

The Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce, the Wayne Chamber of Commerce and the Westland Chamber of Commerce have joined forces to present a QuickBooks Workshop from noon until 1:30 p.m. Monday, April 9 at the Ted Scott Campus of Wayne County Community College, 9555 Haggerty Road in Belleville.

Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. and lunch will be provided.

This is a free workshop for chamber members that has been created for anyone who wants to learn the best way to maneuver through the setup and continued use of QuickBooks.

Presenters are Tom and Sheryl Skynar from Skynar Bookkeeping.

Pre-registration is required by phone (734) 697-7151; (734) 893-0694; (734) 721-0100 or (734) 326-7222.

Lawmaker hosts local hours

State Rep. Jeff Noble will host an open office hour from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Monday, April 9 at the Northville District Library located at 212 W. Cady St. in Northville.

"Hosting regular office hours is one of my top priorities," Noble said. "Connecting with community members and listening to their concerns is an important part of being a state representative."

No appointment is necessary. Those unable to attend may contact Noble at (517) 373-3816 or via email at JeffNoble@house.mi.gov.

Blues at the Elks set

Blues @ The Elks happens from 7-10 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at the Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge #325 in partnership with the Detroit Blues Society (www.detroitbluessociety.org). There is a $5 donation at the door.

Featured Tuesday, April 10, will be, the Kathleen Murray Band. Joining Murray on vocals will be Mike Ferencz on guitar, Craig Scott on bass, Bob Bowman on drums and Evan Mercer on keyboard.

The Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325 is located at 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth.

For more information, call (734) 453-1780 or visit www.plyaa325.com or email jazzattheelks@gmail.com.

Coffee With A Cop Tuesday

The Inkster Police Department will continue to host Coffee With A Cop at 10 a.m. the second Tuesday of each month at Applewood Coney Island.

There is no agenda or speeches, just an opportunity to enjoy a cup of coffee with a local police officer, ask questions, voice concerns and get to know the neighborhood officers.

The restaurant is located at 28640 Michigan Ave. in Inkster.

The next session is set for April 10.

Spring Fashion Show set

The Belleville Area Women's Club will present the 2018 Spring Fashion Show beginning with cocktails at 6 p.m. April 11 at Woodlands of Van Buren. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. and the fashion show will start at 8 p.m.

Fashions will be provided by Dress Barn and all proceeds will be used to benefit the community and education fund of the group.

Tickets for the event are priced at $40 per person.

For tickets or information, contact Judith Hooper at (734)334-6512. Woodlands of Van Buren is located at 39670 Ecorse Road in Wayne.

Club hosts square dance

Canton Newcomers and Neighbors, the largest all-volunteer women's social club serving the Canton area, will host a Square Dance Fundraiser from 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, April 11 at the Elks Club located at 41700 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth.

The event is a fundraiser for the Journey to Housing, a non-profit organization that enables local homeless families to obtain and keep housing.

Dancing will begin at 7 p.m. and the caller will be Richard Maurer. The evening will also include a silent auction and a raffle.Tickets, priced at $10 per person or $7 for club members, will be available at the door.

Canton Newcomers and Neighbors is a non-profit organization managed completely by volunteers. Membership is open to all women regardless of how long they have resided in the Canton area, allowing them to meet and make new friends and take an active social, charitable, and civic interest in their community.

Photography Club to meet

Members of the only 3D photography club in Michigan will meet from 7 until 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 11, at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, just south of Five Mile Road.

The program for the evening will be a special presentation by George Themelis ("Dr. T") on taking 3D pictures using a regular 2D camera. After a refreshment break, the monthly 3D image competition is planned.

The meetings are free to attend, and visitors are always welcome. Stereo cameras, 3D movies, and educational videos are available for members to borrow or rent.

For more information, visit www.Detroit3D.org, or call (248) 398-3591.

Chicken Supper is served

Willow United Methodist Church will serve a Chicken Supper from 5 p.m. until sold out on Wednesday, April 11.

Carryout service begins at 4:30 p.m.

The menu includes fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, biscuits and gravy, cole slaw, dessert, coffee, hot tea or milk.

Dinners are priced at $10 per person or $5 for children 12 and younger.

The church is located at 36925 Willow Road in New Boston.

For more information, call (734) 654-9020.

Casting call

Inspire Theater has scheduled auditions for the upcoming production of Yankee Doodle Dandy: Song and Dance Man.

Singers and non-singers, ages 13-70 are being sought for the cast. Auditions are planned from 6:30 until 9 p.m. on both April 12 and 13 at the Westland Center for the Arts, 33455 Warren Road in Westland.

The production will take place Fridays and Saturdays June 15 through 30 with Sunday matinees June 17, 24 and July 1.

Performers should plan on arriving before 6:30 for the auditions and stay until 9 p.m. Auditions will include singing Give My Regards to Broadway.

Actors are urged to wear comfortable clothes and shoes to the auditions.

For more information, call (734)751-7057.

United Way sets annual meeting

The Plymouth Canton United Way Annual Meeting and Awards Breakfast is planned from 7:30-9:30 a.m. Friday, April 13 at Robert Bosch, 15000 Haggerty Road in Plymouth.

The meeting includes a report on the finances and programs of the organization, to recognize key contributors and hand out special awards.

For more information, visit www.plymouthunitedway.org

Police present Pucks for Pets

The Romulus Police Department is sponsoring Pucks for Pets, a charity hockey game between the Romulus Police Department and the Detroit Red Wings Alumni players at 4 p.m. Saturday, April 14.

The game will take place at the Taylor Sportsplex, 13333 Telegraph Road in Taylor.

Presale tickets are priced at $10 and tickets sold at the door will cost $15.

All proceeds from the game will be used to support both the Romulus Animal Shelter which serves the communities of Romulus, Van Buren Township, Inkster, Garden City and the Taylor Animal Shelter.

Tickets are on sale now at the Romulus Police Department, 11165 Olive St. from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Monday through Friday or by calling Cpl. Chris Kososki (734) 955-8816 or Director Bonnie Freeman (734) 955-8810 or search Pucks for Pets on Facebook.

Tickets are also available on Eventbrite.com.

Eco-Fair 2018 set

A free Earth Day celebration and Eco-Fair is planned for 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday, April 14 at the Romulus Athletic Center, 25765 Northline Road in Romulus.

Eco-friendly vendors who will be on hand include Metro Parks; DTE Energy; Romulus Public Library; Romulus Garden Club; Michigan State University Extension Council; Southeastern Michigan Butterfly Association; Romulus Schools Recycling; Michigan State Master Gardeners and Old City Acres Farm.

There will be free activities and door prizes at the event.

Tea Party planned

Oak Street Health is hosting a Tea Party from 1-2 p.m. April 19.

Guests are urged to wear their prettiest hat to enjoy tea, pastries and conversation. There will be a contest for the prettiest hat.

The party is free.

Oak Street Health is located at 27155 Cherry Hill Road in Inkster.

Pre registration is requested at *844) 808-8262.

Cemetery Board serves spaghetti

The Romulus Memorial Cemetery Board will host a spaghetti dinner fundraiser from 5-7 p.m. Friday, April 20 at the Romulus VFW Post 9568.

A Medal of Honor winner in the community has never had his Medal of Honor engraved on his government-issued headstone. The medal was issued to Charles Cawetzka in 1902 by President Theodore Roosevelt for his service in the Phillipine American War in 1900.

Donations will help with the installation of a new headstone with the Meal of Honor engraved.

The cost of the dinner is $10 and the VFW Hall is located at 30270 Huron River Dr. in Romulus

A special ceremony will take place when the headstone in placed on Mr. Cawetzka's grave.

For more information, call (734) 941-0996.

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